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SUBJECT: UNESCO REQUEST FOR REMITTANCE OF BALANCE

US ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION FOR CY 1973

1. PERMREP RECEIVED TODAY COPY OF LETTER, ADDRESSED TO SEC. OF STATE AND SIGNED BY UNESCO COMPTROLLER, REQUESTING EARLY REMITTANCE BY USG OF ITS 1973 BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION (BALANCE) IN AMOUNT OF \$4,181,300, PLUS ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$210,000 AS REFUND OF INCOME TAX PAYMENTS MADE TO US CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY UNESCO, BRINGING TOTAL UNPAID FOR CY 1973 TO \$4,391,300.
2. LETTER REFERS TO NOV. 1973 EXTRAORDINARY GEN. CONF. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DG OF UNESCO TO SEEK SHORT-TERM LOANS IN CASE OF NEED BUT STATES "HE IS RELUCTANT TO RESORT TO THIS COSTLY FORM OF FINANCING IF OTHER RESOURCES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO UNESCO." LETTER ALSO STATES THAT CASH REQUIREMENTS OF ORGANIZATION "ARE PARTICULARLY HEAVY AT PRESENT AND IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES THAT RECOURSE TO LOANS FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES BE AVOIDED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE."
3. COMMENT: SUBJECT OF TIMING OF PAYMENTS BY MEMBER STATES OF THEIR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO WAS RAISED AT RECENT LOCAL GENEVA GROUP MEETING. ONE BY ONE

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GG MEMBERS EXPLAINED THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL PRO-

CEDURES FOR MAKING PAYMENTS AND EMPHASIZED, WITHOUT
POINTING FINGER AT ANY ONE IN PARTICULAR, THAT EARLY RE-
MITTANCES WOULD INDEED EASE PRESENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY
OF UNESCO AND PREVENT UNDESIRABLE RECOURSE TO BORROWING.
OUR BEST INFORMATION IS THAT ALL GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS,
EXCEPT US, ARE CURRENT IN PAYMENT ASSESSMENTS. SUBJECT
OF TIMING OF PAYMENTS BY MEMBER STATES ALSO LIKELY TO
COME UP AT 18TH GENCONF IN DG'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL
STATUS OF ORGANIZATION.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE PERMREP WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF PROBABLE DATE WHEN USG
PAYMENT MAY BE EXPECTED.

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